IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] Into the inner joint part 52 there is inserted a connecting shaft 44. A plate cap 46 is secured to the outer joint part 50. A convoluted boot 47 seals the plate cap 46 relative to the connecting shaft 44. The other end of the joint 11 at the cylindrical open end 66, i.e., towards the hollow shaft 42, is sealed by a grease cover 48. In addition, the cover 48 may provide some energy absorption should the connecting shaft 44 be thrust beyond the extended axial range E of constant velocity joint 11. Thus, although the grease cover 48 is sealingly attached to the cylindrical open end 66, it is displaceable if the connecting shaft 44 continues to travel through the extended axial range E. The constant velocity joint 11 is designed to operate in it normal axial range N until, however, compression from a crash or an unintended thrust is applied forcing the inner joint part 52, the ball cage 54, and the torque transmitting balls 56 into or through the extended axial ranges E, IE of both joint components.